

Westfield Historic Preservation Commission

HPC Minutes - April 25, 2022

Meeting Date: April 25, 2022

In attendance: Maria Boyes (Chair), Jennifer Jaruzelski (Vice-Chair), Carol Tener (Town Historian), Mark LoGrippo (TC), Kelly Kessler, Greg Blasi, Mary Anne Healy (A1), Ann Freedman

(PB), Tom Jardim (Town Attorney)

Chair Boyes welcomed everyone back to the Council Chambers for the first in-person meeting in over two years.

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the February 28, 2022, meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Blasi and seconded by Ms. Healy. The minutes were approved. The minutes of the March 28, 2022, meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Freedman and seconded by Mr. Blasi. The minutes were approved.

New Business:

Minor Application for 231 Kimball Avenue

Chair Boyes asked Ms. Kessler as Expedited Review Officer to review the Minor Application for 231 Kimball Avenue. Ms. Kessler read her letter approving the work which consisted of new porch lights and replacement railings. Ms. Kessler said this is the second expedited review under the ordinance and the process is going well. Ms. Healy suggested featuring the expedited review process and some of the new families in the district in the local media.

Memorialization for 667 Fourth Avenue

Town Attorney Jardim presented the Memorialization document for the new home planned on the property of the Matthias Sayre House. A motion to approve the Memorialization was made by Ms. Tener and seconded by Ms. Healy. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The document was signed by Chair Boyes and Vice-Chair Jaruzelski.

National Preservation Month

Vice-Chair Jaruzelski said the commission has arranged to host a meet & greet at the train station kiosk with free coffee donated by Boxcar on Monday, May 23, from 7-9 am to celebrate National Preservation Month. Councilman LoGrippo pointed out that most commuters are not going in on Monday or Friday; Ms. Jaruzelski agreed to look into changing the date.

Committee Updates:

Fundraising/Grants

Ms. Healy said the application for the NJ Historic Grant was submitted on April 14. This is a 3-to-1 grant for \$60K (\$45K state, \$15K town) that will be used to complete the in-depth survey for our historic plan element. Receipt was acknowledged and we should hear in 3-6 months.

Communication/Education

Vice-Chair Jaruzelski said that the Town has agreed to host the "Build Westfield" Lego Workshop in collaboration with the Recreation Department. The next step will be securing a date next winter and seeking donors to underwrite the cost of the initial program.

Ms. Jaruzelski noted that Ms. Tener will be conducting a talk on "The Architectural Gems of Westfield" for the Westfield Historical Society on May 4.

Ms. Freedman noted that Anastasia Harrison is restoring an office in the former Westfield Theater for her architecture practice and has been uncovering lots of old features.

Chair Boyes opened the meeting to members of the public. Hearing none, she closed the meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Boyes asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kessler motioned to adjourn and Ms. Tener seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.